over their repairs at present. The sluices of the Thalekere, Badaga, Sankinkoppa and Guddekoppa tanks were repaired twice in three years and were washed off each time.

Reply of Government.—This is done where stone is easily procurable. The case of the tanks referred to will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 102.

Providing pipes and sluices to branch channels.

Mr. K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—To regulate water-supply to lands under branch channels it was prayed last year that pipes or sluices might be provided for them and the Government were pleased to say that such matters should be referred to local authorities. It is prayed that the Government be pleased to levy a cess on the ryots holding lands under such channels and undertake to do the needful, such as providing pipes, doing earthwork and appointing *sowdis* out of the funds so collected.

Mr. Anniah Pandit.—Some of the ryots do not reside in villages near the channel and it is difficult to make them all work together. So wherever a ryot fails to do the work, notice should be given to him that the work should be done within a prescribed period and if he fails to do so, it should be done by Government and the cost recovered from him.

The classification of branch channels is also not satisfactory. Many of the main supply channels are treated as branch channels. A cess may be levied at least in the case of branch channels lower down.

Mr. V. Ramaswamiengar.—No change in the present system is necessary as ryots ought to be able to do the earthwork themselves.

Reply of Government.—The responsibility to maintain branch channels cannot be taken away. If all the ryots agree to pay a cess sufficient to meet the cost of doing the work, it can be undertaken by Government. The ryots have to contribute towards the cost of pipes and sluices required for them.

SUBJECT No. 103.

Distribution of water under the malnad tanks.

Messrs. Karibasiah and Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi subtaluk.

Summary of discussion.—Large tanks do not generally exist in the malnad. The existing small ones scarcely contain water sufficient for the hot weather. The well-to-do ryots take precautionary steps to utilize for the growth of sugar-cane and other crops, all the available water to the prejudice of the poorer classes of ryots and leave them at a disadvantage. It is necessary that effective arrangements should be made so as to allow each ryot a sufficient quantity of water from the tanks in proportion to the assessment paid by him. There has been a long-standing dispute in the case of the Aiyanur and Kumsi tanks, which has not been settled for the last ten years.